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Vacancy rates much lower in YEG

HOUSING

**Difference
with Calgary is
now nearly 1%**

A new report on housing vacancy from the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) shows that Edmonton could be weathering the economic downturn better than Calgary.

Vacancy rates, often a barometer of the overall heat within a municipality's economy, have increased significantly in both cities over the past year.

But while Edmonton's rate has risen by about one per cent, Calgary's has climbed by nearly two.

What's more, the numbers show

this is the first time Edmonton's vacancy rate is significantly lower than Calgary's since the study began in 2007.

The CMHC's annual spring survey of vacancy rates shows that Edmonton stands at 2.4 per cent, up from about 1.4 per cent a year ago, while Calgary is at 3.2 per cent, up from 1.4 per cent.

This isn't the first time Edmonton's vacancy rate has been lower than Calgary's, but it is the first time the difference has been this significant. In 2010, the height of the last downturn

in Alberta, Edmonton's vacancy rate stood at 5.2 per cent while Calgary's was at 5.3.

The CMHC's research showed that Edmonton added 1,800 rental units over the past year, but demand softened.

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The survey also showed that despite dropping demand, the average cost for a one-bedroom apartment in Edmonton increased from \$1,180 to \$1,250.

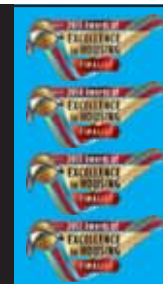
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COUNCIL

Smoke-free festival study moves ahead

Edmonton's festivals could soon have to go mostly smoke-free, but it will be another year before city council makes a decision on the issue.

Councillors voted Monday for a report on requiring events on city land to set up designated smoking areas and keep the rest of their event smoke-free. They have also asked the city to look at banning smoking at facilities such as Fort Edmonton Park.

The report will return to council early in 2016.

Coun. Michael Walters said most smokers keep a respectable distance at outdoor events, but it's not universal.

"While largely smokers are conscientious of other people, there are still people who will smoke in crowds, around kids," he said.

Walters, who fought successfully for a smoking ban in Churchill Square, said having rules around festival sites would make it easier on everyone.

+ PROPOSAL

Finding middle ground

The proposal came after Coun. Michael Oshry asked about the possibility of banning smoking in all city parks.

Coun. Dave Loken said he wouldn't have supported that, but this new proposal is a reasonable middle ground.

"It's really just about us (having) some clear rules and some clear designated areas that people can go to when they need to smoke."

Coun. Dave Loken supported the proposal, but did question why council was spending time on an issue that few citizens are concerned about.

"My reluctance maybe is that I don't really think any of this is an issue. By the statistics I don't think any of this is an issue," he said.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

ROAD SAFETY

Traffic deaths in city at 23-year low: Report

Car crashes that lead to people injured or dead hit a 23-year low in 2014 according to a new report from the city.

Back in 1991, there were more than 4,000 collisions on Edmonton's roads and 34 people killed. In 2014, according to the report, despite a massive influx of new people to the city, there were just more than 2,900 collisions and 23 people killed.

The city credits enforcing speed limits and red lights,

as well as video technology at certain problematic intersections, with reducing the collisions and fatalities.

"The reduction is encouraging but thousands of people are still being hurt and killed in preventable collisions," said Gerry Shimko, with the office of traffic safety, in a release.

Shimko said in the release that the city's plan over the next six years is to reduce the number of fatalities due to road collisions to zero. METRO

IN BRIEF

Rain not yet enough to halt forest blazes: Fire official

An Alberta wildfire official said recent rain hasn't been enough to counter nine weeks of hot, dry conditions fuelling forest fires.

Information officer Richard Horne said there hasn't been enough moisture in the last few days to get down to the forest floor. He said the tops of trees may be getting wet,

but there won't be a big difference in the fire situation unless there's a substantial downpour.

Horne said anyone going out into the woods should check the local status.

There are about three dozen wildfires burning in Alberta right now, although only one near Grande Cache is considered out of control.

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Fire Chief Ken Block would like to see commercial ashtrays like this on the balconies of any apartment or condominium building that doesn't ban smoking. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Balcony campaign urges safe smoking

CONDO LIFE

Idle cigarettes have caused nearly \$45M in damage



Ryan Tumilty
Metro|Edmonton

Edmonton's fire chief hopes a new public awareness campaign he's spearheading will prevent apartment and condo fires caused by cigarettes left smoldering on balconies.

Since 2010, fires caused by cigarettes left unattended on

a balcony have been responsible for nearly \$45 million in damage.

Chief Ken Block said people have to start thinking about the risk.

"We need to make fire safety and fire prevention top of mind for all Edmontonians," he said.

On Monday at Fire Hall One, Block unveiled the campaign Stub it Right, Don't Ignite.

The department plans to force condominium and apartment buildings to either install commercial ashtrays on each balcony or to ban smoking on balconies.

Block said people aren't getting the message and lives are at risk.

"I would like to think that common sense would prevail, but that's not been our experience. There have been massive condominium fires."

He said he hopes condominium and apartment owners will take the issue seriously, but fines are a possibility if they don't.



An Edmonton condo fire in 2007. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Block said he would also like to see building code changes that extend sprinklers on to balconies or require fire-resistant siding around them.

Buildings constructed after 2008 already require the installation of balcony sprinklers, but Block said many Edmonton apartments were built to old standards.

"We're building safer structures today. It's the massive

amount of inventory out there that were built under the old rules."

The province is supporting the public education campaign. Meanwhile, acting deputy fire commissioner Jeremy Wagner said they also support changing the building code.

"We do support the recommendations. We do think it will work in favour of limiting the number of fires."

We need to make fire safety and fire prevention top of mind for all Edmontonians.

Fire Chief Ken Block

MENTAL HEALTH

Review
lauded
by CMHA

Anna Brooks
Metro | Calgary

The NDP's recent announcement that Liberal leader Dr. David Swann will co-chair a review of Alberta's mental health policy is being applauded by the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Callum Ross, advocacy and policy lead for CMHA's Calgary region, said while he was disappointed that mental health was not referenced in Monday afternoon's throne speech, he thinks the review is a step in the right direction.



David Swann

"We're really excited," Ross said. "They were talking about poverty, homelessness and aboriginal communities... if we

take a collective approach on those issues, positive mental health outcomes are going to happen."

According to last year's GAP-MAP (Gap Analysis of Public Mental Health and Addictions Programs) report, "0.1 per cent of total AHS direct service costs" went towards health promotion and disease prevention.

Swann said in a release that he was happy to take on the role.

"This is a part of the mental health system that's been neglected for too long," he said. "I look forward to working in partnership with the government, health experts and Albertans to identify gaps in our mental health care system, reduce stigma, and improve the lives of Albertans living with mental health and addictions issues."

Higher taxes for rich, big business

THRONE SPEECH

Proposals follow the promises made during election

Alberta's New Democrats launched the post-Tory period of provincial politics Monday with a throne speech announcing bills to ban corporate and union political donations and to increase taxes on large corporations and the wealthy.

The bills follow through on promises made in last month's election campaign which ended with Rachel Notley and the NDP toppling a nearly 44-year-long Progressive Conservative dynasty.

"Our political system has been far, far too dependent on funds from a narrow range of donors with deep pockets, and far too removed from the interests of ordinary people," Notley told reporters before the throne speech. "We will tilt the playing field back in Albertans' favour, so that their interests come first."

The speech, read in the chamber by new Lt.-Gov. Lois Mitchell, outlined the government's goals and intentions for a legislature sitting expected to last just a few weeks.

The flagship bill is titled An Act to Renew Democracy in Alberta, and proposes to ban corporate and union donations to political parties.

Corporate donations, including hefty cheques from oil companies and other businesses, have historically made up a substantial portion of fundraising for the Progressive Con-



Premier Rachel Notley and Minister of Infrastructure and Minister of Transportation Brian Mason applaud after Monday's speech from the throne. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"We will tilt the playing field back in Albertans' favour."

Premier Rachel Notley

servatives. The New Democrats have relied on union donations to fill their coffers.

In 2014, the NDP brought in almost \$777,000 in donations, about 11 per cent of which came from unions.

PC interim leader Ric McIver said banning corporate donations will "tilt the political scale" toward the NDP, while forcing businesses to

find less-transparent avenues to get their contributions to the parties.

"If corporations want to give money, they'll have to find a legal way to encourage other people to do it," said McIver, one of nine Tories still holding a seat in the legislature.

The second bill, An Act to Restore Fairness to Public Revenue, proposes a "modest" increase to corporate income taxes, said Notley.

She has previously promised to raise the rate to 12 per cent from 10 per cent. The small-business rate would remain at its current level of three per cent.

The bill includes a plan to scrap Alberta's 10 per cent flat

income tax and introduce higher rates on the top 10 per cent of tax filers.

"We are returning to a more typical Canadian tax system," said Notley, who noted that the province would still have the lowest overall tax burden.

Brian Jean, leader of the official Opposition Wildrose party, said he will support the ban on political donations, but not the tax hikes.

Notley also announced the creation of a 17-member, all-party committee to improve accountability and fairness in areas such as whistleblower protection, electioneering and conflicts of interest.

That report is to be done within a year.

+ BAN ON BUCKS

The NDP's sweeping new ban on union and corporate donations will hurt all parties. But, as Metro research shows, the Progressive Conservatives will be hit the hardest. Metro took the donor list from the first quarter of this year, the most recent numbers available, and broke down how much each party stands to lose.

Progressive Conservatives

Total raised - \$825,318.25
Total raised that would now be banned - \$620,276.56
Largest now banned donor - Insurance Bureau of Canada: \$13,500

New Democratic Party

Total raised - \$406,883.36
Total raised that would now be banned - \$53,464.37
Largest now banned donor - Canadian Union of Public Employees: \$15,000

Wildrose Party

Total raised - \$355,091.61
Total raised that would now be banned - \$1,000
Largest now banned donor - Gordan Buchanan Enterprises and TMS Trucking: \$500 each

Alberta Party

Total raised - \$109,272.59
Total raised that would now be banned - \$34,525
Largest now banned donor - Kornelson Holdings Ltd.: \$15,000

Alberta Liberals

Total raised - \$110,764.52
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'PROMISING' LANGUAGE

'Indigenous' heard just seven words into throne speech

First Nations people across Alberta took notice Monday as Premier Rachel Notley's government mentioned them directly in their first throne speech.

Indeed, "indigenous" was not only mentioned, but was the seventh word in the first sentence of her speech.

The rhetoric and its prominence is a radical change, some First Nations leaders say, from the rhetoric of previous Progressive Conservative governments. But even still, some say they are cautiously optimistic

Notley's language will translate into tangible changes on the ground as she leads a provincial government.

"I think it's promising," said Joe Jobin, chief operating officer of Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta, the second treaty (the other being Treaty 6) signed between dozens of First Nations and Ottawa in the late 1800s as Canada's interests in resources and land moved westward.

Treaty 8 covers Alberta north of Edmonton to the border with the Northwest Territories, in-

cluding the oil sands regions, and affects some 50,000 First Nations citizens.

"Our grand chief (Steve Courtois) spoke to this, of the idea that we're very encouraged by the language the NDP have and we hope they'll continue to follow through on their promises," Jobin said.

Jobin added First Nations that comprise Treaty 8 see their biggest issues as consultation, education, health and child welfare.

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IN BRIEF**Library names new CEO**

Edmonton Public Library has taken someone off the shelves to head the institution. The library announced Monday that current deputy CEO Pilar Martinez will take over next month. Martinez replaces outgoing Linda Cook, who has run the institution for 18 years.

"I am honoured to assume the role of chief executive officer of such an innovative and engaged library system," said Martinez in a release. "I am elated to take on this new role working closely with EPL's dedicated trustees, amazing staff, incredibly supportive city council and numerous partners to serve the needs of our community."

The library looked across the continent, but Ellen Calabrese-Amrhein, chair of the library's board, said Martinez was the clear pick.

"She was heavily involved in EPL becoming the first Canadian library to be named Library of the Year in 2014, introduced our community-led service, and has a national and international reputation as a leader."

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

First footgolf course opens

RUNDLE PARK

Sport's gained popularity since its debut 15 years ago

Brightly coloured knee-high Argyll socks and flat driver caps decorated the greens of Rundle Park Golf Course Monday afternoon as FC Edmonton played an inaugural round. But they weren't playing golf. Instead, they were playing footgolf.

"Footgolf is a marrying of soccer and golf," said Lyndsay Conrad, a project co-ordinator with the city, which has created the new course at Rundle Park.

It's the first course in the region approved by the Canadian FootGolf Association.

FootGolf is the latest hybrid sports trend. It's played in teams of six and the objective is to kick a soccer ball from the tee to the 21-inch hole in the least number of kicks. There are eighteen holes at Rundle. The course is open on Fridays and is set on the executive par three course.

On Monday, city employees



Janin Helland, formerly with the national soccer team, city manager Simon Farbrother, Janelle Janis, formerly with U of A's Pandas Soccer team and Harriet Tinka, marathoner, show off their Argylls. MICHELLE FALK/FOR METRO

had the opportunity to try the course prior to its public opening and were impressed by its accessibility.

"I have kids, so, I think year-end soccer parties would be a blast out here," said Graeme Kishiuchi, a strategic planner, after playing a round. "I'd come out with my friends for Friday night footgolf."

Kishiuchi added that the game is more enjoyable than golf because it's more active and

because a soccer ball is much easier to find out of bounds.

Despite the praise for the sport, the fan base is small in Edmonton. Still, organizers are optimistic that it will catch on as it has in other places because of the large numbers of soccer lovers here.

Conrad said it's part of a strategy to shake things up and bring a younger demographic, including families, out to the course. MICHELLE FALK/FOR METRO



Johann Smith of FC Edmonton sinks the ball on the 18th hole. There are more than 200 courses in the U.S. and 31 across Canada so far. MICHELLE FALK/FOR METRO

SMALL BUSINESS

Travelling barista takes his coffee cart to local venues

Michelle Falk

For Metro | Edmonton

People lined up in the small gallery at The Drawing Room in The Quarters on Monday to taste the art — because the art was coffee.

Steve Moyer, a coffee-lover turned entrepreneur, is partnering with local independent ventures to bring high-quality coffee to spaces that don't otherwise have java.

The name, Nomad Espresso, pays homage to the unique travelling barista cart he's built for the job.

"There are just lots of cool spaces in Edmonton, lots of cool independent businesses," said Moyer. "It's a really good chance for collaboration — bringing really good coffee to these spaces and events, working as a mutual promotion."

Moyer's barista station is based on a steel-handling cart and is plumbed and equipped with refrigeration. Local woodshop Oliver Apt. did the design, the cladding work, and built the bar.

Unlike a food truck, Moyer's cart can be packed up and relocated to both indoor and



Steve Moyer of Nomad Espresso passes a latte to a customer in The Drawing Room. MICHELLE FALK/FOR METRO

outdoor locations.

Moyer is not just a guy looking to make a buck. He's a coffee connoisseur. He trained under Canadian barista champion Ben Putt from Monogram Coffee in Calgary but does not compete himself.

The Drawing Room is Nomad

Espresso's first stop, and Moyer and his cart will be there until Saturday.

For the co-working and exhibition space, the cart serves to generate traffic and interest, says Moyer, assisting in its mandate of inspiring and engaging people through art.

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Making the call on fossil finds

CULTURE

Growth in discoveries spurs program

Lucy Haines
For Metro | Edmonton

Dinosaur fossils aren't just the domain of Southern Alberta, though most such discoveries are made in that part of the province. Just last year, for example, construction crews near Leduc unearthed a dinosaur fossil estimated to be 68 million years old.

And in downtown Edmonton, workers on the then-new MacEwan University site discovered an original 1906 CN wooden rail turntable that had been long since buried and forgotten. Even historic structures from Fort Edmonton 2 (along the river near Rossdale) have been detected through the years.

The province has always had an informal program for the pub-

+ DETAILS

Report a Find is part of the government's three-year plan to address the impacts of the 2013 floods. Throughout the summer, archaeologists and palaeontologists will be exploring river banks and impacted areas to identify, preserve and protect historic finds.

lic to report historic finds, but the flooding in Southern Alberta in 2013 necessitated a change.

Following that physical upheaval, Alberta Culture and Tourism noticed a huge spike of archaeological and paleontological reports — things like an ancient buffalo jump along the Bow River near Calgary, and a fossil dinosaur skull, neck and chest found by anglers in the Castle River.

In response, Alberta Culture and Tourism has launched the

Report a Find program to help Albertans report the location and details of discoveries using a dedicated phone line and website.

"We've seen a marked increase in the reporting of bones, stone tools and such since the flood. We can't cover it all, so we rely on Albertans to be our eyes and ears," said Darryl Bereziuk, director of the Alberta government's archaeological survey.

Bereziuk said any discovery, however minor it may seem, can lead to new sites. "We have 40,000 recorded archaeological sites in Alberta, but that's only a fraction," he said.

Now is a particularly urgent time, Bereziuk said, because so many fragile yet easily visible fossils have been exposed by the flood. "That can attract unlawful collectors — we need the public's help," he said.

David Eggen, the new minister of culture and tourism, said the new program will "help us to conserve these valuable resources for the benefit of all Albertans today and into the future."



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Naked Canucks come home

MALAYSIA

Saskatchewan siblings pled guilty to public indecency

Two Canadians who were detained in Malaysia for posing naked with other hikers on the country's highest peak have reportedly returned home.

Saskatchewan siblings Lindsey Petersen and Danielle Petersen had been sentenced to three days in jail and fined for obscene behaviour in a public place.

They were among 10 foreigners who stripped naked and took photos on Malaysia's Mount Kinabalu on May 30.

A local official has said their behaviour was disrespectful to the mountain, which is believed to be sacred, and caused an earthquake on June 5 that killed 18 climbers.

Their Malaysian lawyer has said they pleaded guilty in a local court to a charge of



Canadian Danielle Petersen, 22, right, and Eleanor Hawkins, 24, of Britain, are escorted by police as they leave court in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, on June 12. Saskatchewan siblings Lindsey and Danielle Petersen have reportedly returned home. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

public indecency.

Lawyer Ronny Cham confirmed the Petersens left the country on Saturday, and media outlets in Regina said the pair were believed

to have arrived back home Sunday.

Lindsey Petersen, an engineering graduate from the University of Regina, had detailed his travels through-

out Asia over the last seven months on Facebook. When his sister joined him in Bali, Indonesia, in April, he referred to them as the "dynamic duo."

+ APOLOGY

British student Eleanor Hawkins issued a public apology to the people of Malaysia after returning home to England over the weekend.

She said on Sunday that she knows her actions were wrong.

"I know my behaviour was foolish and I know how much offence we all caused to the local people of Sabah. For that, I am truly sorry," she said.

The story of their detention in Malaysia made headlines around the world and sparked a discussion on respect for cultural beliefs.

The other two westerners detained in the case were Dutch citizen Dylan Snel and British student Eleanor Hawkins.

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TORONTO

Officials seize meat at airport

The Canadian Border Services Agency says 27 kilograms of undeclared raw meat have been seized at Toronto's Pearson International Airport.

The agency says they were first alerted to the cache when a detector dog smelled something unusual at a baggage carousel last Tuesday.

When the luggage was brought into a secondary inspection area, border officers found a selection of products including partly frozen beef cuts, whole goose and smaller avian birds.

A traveller from Egypt was counselled about the requirement to declare all food, plant, animals and related products.

The meat was seized and destroyed. The border agency says many travellers are unaware that undeclared meat, animal hides, live birds, plants and fruit may damage Canada's food supply, economy, environment and pose a risk to human health.

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ELECTIONS

House leader says bills show 'agenda' for campaign

A series of bills introduced in the dying days of the current session of Parliament aren't intended to become law until after the scheduled October election, a Harper cabinet minister acknowledged Monday.

The legislation was tabled to give Canadians an idea of what to expect from the Conservatives, should they return to power, Government House Leader Peter Van Loan said as the spring session of Parliament

began winding through its final full week.

"We have introduced a number of bills, rather late in the session, that demonstrate what will be the core of an agenda for a Conservative government re-elected when we return in the fall," said Van Loan.

The minister made the comments at a news conference where he outlined the government's accomplishments over the last few months and warned

against the agendas put forward by the opposition New Democrats and Liberals.

The Harper government has stuffed the legislative pipeline with new bills in the last two weeks, ranging from a new national marine conservation area for Lake Superior to motor vehicle safety amendments, copyright changes and new mandatory minimum sentences for gun crime.

As late as Monday, a week be-

fore the Commons is expected to rise for the summer, Defence Minister Jason Kenney was set to table a bill aimed at protecting victims' rights in the military justice system.

Van Loan said more legislation is likely to be introduced before the scheduled end of session.

And he said it's expected there won't be a sitting in September before the writ is issued for a general election.

One of the issues likely up for debate during the campaign is Senate reform — once a major plank in previous elections when the Conservatives pledged to either transform the upper chamber or abolish it.

Since the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that any significant changes to the Senate would require the approval of the provinces, the Harper government has all but given up that fight. THE CANADIAN PRESS



House Leader Peter Van Loan THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

FEDERAL ELECTION

Greens vow fee for fossil-fuel drilling

The federal Green party says it would charge a fee for extracting fossil fuels from the ground and return the money to Canadians in the form of a cash dividend, if elected this fall.

Green party Leader Elizabeth May is billing the major plank of her election platform as the surest means of virtually weaning Canada off carbon-based energy sources by the middle of the century.

Under the plan, the carbon fee would be levied on fossil fuels at the source — when coal, oil or gas comes out of the ground or

crosses the border into Canada.

It means consumers would pay higher prices at the gas pump and when buying fossil-fuel-based products like plastics and pesticides, the party acknowledges.

However every Canadian adult would either receive a cheque or a reduction of their personal income taxes to offset their increased carbon costs.

"We need a national carbon price, and it needs to be fair to all regions," May told a news conference Monday in Victoria, B.C.

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IN BRIEF

Case dismissed against woman charged in death of lobster fisherman

A judge has dismissed the one criminal charge against the owner of a Cape Breton fishing boat at the centre of what one lawyer has described as a case of "murder for lobster."

Carla Samson had been charged with being an accessory after the fact amid allegations that surfaced following the disappearance of Phillip Boudreau. Samson wasn't aboard the boat when it rammed Boudreau's speedboat, tossing him into the water.

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Watchdog warns of tracking



It's clear the industry still has some work to do.

Daniel Therrien

The federal privacy watchdog warns that searching online for information about pregnancy tests, liposuction or a divorce lawyer can prompt related ads to pop up on your computer screen.

Privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien says new research released by his office reveals a small but troubling number of cases in which major websites used such sensitive information to target Internet users without appropriate consent.

Many websites track a user's online activities with the aim of delivering ads aligned to their interests.

Four years ago the commissioner's office issued guidance to advertisers, advising them to avoid collecting sensitive personal information, such as health-related details, in order to deliver their ads.

The commissioner says targeted ads appeared on just over half of the websites the re-

searchers examined, and most advertising organizations provided some form of notification to users as well as an ability to opt out of such ads.

However, a small number of targeted ads related to sensitive topics appeared without explicit consent from the user.

In addition, there were ads related to non-sensitive topics — such as European travel or digital cameras — without notification or the possibility to opt out of seeing them.

In many cases the procedures for opting out were overly complicated.

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Bono signs a fan's photo as he leaves Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Monday. JUSTIN TANG / THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bono lobbies in Ottawa

SOCIAL ACTIVISM

Rock star visits Parliament Hill in support of foreign aid

U2 frontman Bono kept a low profile in Ottawa on Monday, avoiding photo ops or major announcements in favour of private chats with Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his Liberal and NDP rivals.

The Irish rock star's visit sparked another round in the political debate over the Conservative government's development policy, which has focused on maternal and child health, while freezing overall development spending.

Bono remained above the fray, striking an upbeat note as he arrived on Parliament Hill repeating his mantra of "the world needs more Canada."

"Development assistance, or foreign aid as you call it here, is a really good way of showing who you are to the rest of the world," said Bono.

Fresh from a show in Montreal, Bono first went to the Na-

He is the co-founder of the international organization, ONE, which aims to eradicate extreme poverty and preventable diseases in places such as Africa.

"It's my hope that Bono's visit will boost Canadian awareness and engagement on international development priorities," said Michael Messenger, president of World Vision Canada, who was at the NAC meeting.

Bono met Harper to talk about maternal and child health projects in Africa and elsewhere. The Prime Minister's Office said the rocker-activist requested the meeting. Bono also met NDP Leader Tom Mulcair and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau.

Harper has committed \$3.5 billion over five years toward the maternal and child health cause, his signature foreign-aid initiative aimed at reducing deaths among newborns and their mothers in the developing world.

But the NDP criticizes Canada's overall aid spending, which has fallen to 0.24 per cent of GDP, well below the 0.7 per cent target set by the United Nations.

The Harper government froze aid spending five years ago and the most recent budget did not reverse that trend.

NDP foreign affairs critic Paul Dewar said Bono's meeting with his party was positive and focused on the party's development goals, which include a commitment to the 0.7 per cent target.

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HEALTH CARE

Election may decide refugee health care

The question of whether the federal government is obliged to pay all health care costs for anyone who seeks asylum in Canada is unlikely to be answered before this fall's federal election.

The Conservative government is currently appealing a Federal Court ruling that found the changes they made to the health care system for refugee claimants unconstitutional. Lawyers for refugee claimants said the case is not scheduled to be heard until

after the Oct. 19 vote.

In the meantime the government has been forced to reinstate some of the benefits in order to comply with the court ruling. But doctors and refugee advocates taking part in a cross-Canada protest Monday said the current system still doesn't meet the requirements laid out by the Federal Court last year.

The changes weren't reversed for all refugee claimants, only children and pregnant women,

they said. The results of a confusing system, not even providers are certain what's covered.

"The zeal in which this government is attacking refugees is not only shameful, but it is illogical," said Dr. Doug Gruner, a spokesperson for Canadian Doctors for Refugee Care. "It is a policy and position borne out of ignorance and arrogance."

Prior to 2012, anyone awaiting a refugee status decision had their health care costs — includ-

ing dental, eye care and medications — paid for by the federal government until their application was decided and provincial health coverage kicked in.

But in June that year, the Conservative government drastically scaled back the available coverage. Both the New Democrats and Liberals say if they form government in October, they would drop the appeal and reinstate the program to its pre-2012 structure. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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tional Arts Centre near Parliament Hill to discuss foreign aid with several non-governmental organizations.

NAACP leader quits after parents reveal she's white

RACE

Old photos show her as a pale child with blond hair

The president of a city chapter of a major U.S. group advocating for the rights of African Americans resigned Monday amid a furor over racial identity that erupted when her parents came forward to say she has been posing as black for years when she is actually white.

The announcement was posted on the civil rights organization's Facebook page. It said the attention surrounding Rachel Dolezal has distracted from the group's goals.

"The dialogue has unexpectedly shifted internationally to my personal identity in the context of defining race and ethnicity," according to a statement attributed to Dolezal, a longtime figure in the civil rights community of Spokane, Wash., who was elected to the NAACP post six months ago.

"I am consistently committed to empowering marginalized voices and believe that many individuals have been heard in the last hours and days that would not otherwise have had a platform to weigh in on this important discussion."

Meanwhile, Spokane is investigating whether she lied about her ethnicity when she landed



Rachel Dolezal, president of the Spokane NAACP chapter, resigned Monday after her parents said she has been posing as black for years. COLIN MULVANY/THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

We hope that Rachel will get the help that she needs to deal with her identity issues.

Ruthanne Dolezal, mother of Rachel Dolezal

an appointment to the city's police oversight board. On her application, she said her ethnic origins included white, black

and American Indian.

Dolezal, a 37-year-old woman with a light brown complexion and dark curly hair, attended

historically black Howard University, teaches African studies at a local university and was married to a black man.

For years, she has publicly complained of being the victim of racial harassment in the heavily white region.

On Friday, police said they were suspending investigations into racial harassment com-

plaints filed by Rachel Dolezal, including one from earlier this year in which she said she received hate mail at her office.

The uproar over racial authenticity and professional honesty unfolded last week after Dolezal's parents told the media their daughter is white with a trace of Native American heritage. They produced photos of her as girl with a pale complexion and straight blond hair.

Her mother, Ruthanne Dolezal of Troy, Mont., told reporters she has had no contact with her daughter in years. She said Rachel began to "disguise herself" after her parents adopted four African-American children more than a decade ago.

Rachel Dolezal initially dismissed the controversy, saying it arose from litigation between other relatives who have divided the family. She has not returned repeated calls from The Associated Press.

Late last week, the national NAACP stood by her, saying "one's racial identity is not a qualifying criteria or disqualifying standard for NAACP leadership."

Dolezal's parents appeared on the Today show Monday and said they hoped to reconcile with their daughter.

"We hope that Rachel will get the help that she needs to deal with her identity issues. Of course, we love her," Ruthanne Dolezal said.

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ISIL

Kurds capture key town

U.S.-backed Kurdish fighters captured large sections of a strategic town on the Syria-Turkish border on Monday, dealing the biggest setback yet to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), which lost a key supply line for their nearby self-proclaimed capital.

The seizure of Tal Abyad threatened to inflame tensions between Kurds and ethnic Arabs, who accused the Kurdish militia of deliberately displacing thousands of people from the town.

Redur Khalil, a spokesman for the main Kurdish fighting force, known as the YPG, said Kurdish fighters were advancing west toward the town's centre amid fierce clashes with pockets of ISIL resistance.

"We expect to have full control over Tal Abyad within a few hours," he told The Associated Press by telephone. A few hours later, the YPG announced on its Facebook page that it had liberated the town.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights confirmed the Kurdish fighters had "almost full control" of Tal Abyad by Monday evening, and had taken command of the border crossing with Turkey.

The loss of Tal Abyad, approximately 80 kilometres north of Raqqa, the capital of ISIL's self-declared caliphate, is the extremists' biggest setback since Kurdish fighters took control of the Kurdish border town of Kobani near Turkey, after fighting ISIL for several months. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Nepal reopens damaged heritage sites to tourists

BHAKTAPUR

UNESCO raises concerns as country tries to renew industry

Nepal on Monday reopened most of the cultural heritage sites that were damaged in a pair of devastating earthquakes, hoping to entice back foreign tourists.

The April 25 and May 12 quakes killed more than 8,700 people and damaged hundreds of thousands of buildings in Nepal, including old temples, palaces and other historical structures that are popular with tourists.

Six of the seven UNESCO World Heritage sites that closed after the quakes were reopened Monday, Tourism Minister Kripasur Sherpa said.

"We are urging people to come to Nepal for holiday to help Nepal rebuild," Sherpa said in Bhaktapur, a city outside of Kathmandu filled with ancient



A tourist photographs a damaged building near Basantapur Durbar Square in Kathmandu, Nepal on Monday.

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temples and which is among the reopened heritage sites.

The sites were closed due to the damage from the quakes but also over concerns about

the safety of tourists.

Bhesh Narayan Dahal, chief of Nepal's Department of Archaeology, said that measures have been taken to ensure that

tourists are safe, and there are plans to provide safety helmets for visitors in some places.

Some 741 heritage structures were damaged in the quakes, and it will take at least \$18 million to rebuild and restore them, Dahal said.

Nepal is hosting an international donors' meeting next week in Kathmandu, the capital, to seek money to help rebuild the Himalayan country following the quakes.

About 800,000 foreign tourists visit Nepal every year, and the government is worried that a fear of earthquakes will stop many from visiting.

UNESCO, the United Nations' cultural heritage organization, had raised concerns last week about the reopening of the heritage sites, urging tourists to be extra cautious and reconsider visiting them.

The agency also asked the government to restrict tourists' access to locations where structures had collapsed and that were still considered unsafe.

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TBILISI, GEORGIA

People, zoo animals still missing after flood

Workers and volunteers laboured Monday in a flood-ravaged area of the Georgian capital of Tbilisi to help victims while nervously watching for traces of dangerous animals that may have escaped the city zoo when it was inundated by the surging waters. Officials in the ex-Soviet republic said 14 people were confirmed dead.

Ten people were thought to be missing after an intense downpour and high winds on Sunday turned a stream that runs through a section of Tbilisi into a sweeping torrent that destroyed houses, tore up roads and tossed vehicles into heaps of uprooted trees and rubbish.

The devastated zoo was still trying to determine what had happened to four lions, three tigers and one jaguar whose enclosures were flooded, zoo spokeswoman Khatia Basilashvili said.

It was unclear how many more animals would be found dead once the waters receded and the cleanup was completed at the zoo — or how many were still wandering the hills

around Tbilisi.

The government declared Monday a day off from work and school while the search for the missing and the cleanup went ahead in Tbilisi, a city of 1.1 million people. The government has urged residents to avoid going near the zoo.

None of the people who died were killed by the zoo animals that got loose, Tbilisi Zoo Director Zurab Gurieidze said. Three zoo employees were among those who drowned.

One of the potentially most dangerous animals to escape, a hippopotamus, was tranquilized and returned to the zoo on Sunday.

A young white lion named Shumba, one of the zoo's most beloved attractions, was found shot in the head on zoo territory on Sunday, the zoo director said.

He demanded an investigation into the shootings of zoo animals.

"If a predator attacked a person, then it's understandable, but there are cases that need looking into," Gurieidze said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Vacations take horrible turn

OAK ISLAND

Young victims lose limbs in shallow-water shark attacks

Two young people vacationing in the beach town of Oak Island were swimming in waist-deep water when they lost limbs in separate life-threatening shark attacks, town officials said Monday.

A 12-year-old girl from Ashboro lost part of her arm and suffered a leg injury, and a 16-year-old boy from Winston-Salem lost his left arm less than 90 minutes later and about two miles away late Sunday afternoon, officials said. The victims were each about 20 yards offshore.

Surgeons amputated the girl's left arm below her elbow, and she has tissue damage to her lower left leg. The boy's left arm was amputated below his left shoulder.

Both were in good condition Monday after being airlifted about 25 miles to New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, said hospital



Vacationers sit in chairs in the surf in Oak Island, N.C. on Monday following two separate shark attacks on a 12-year-old girl and 16-year-old boy on Sunday afternoon. AP/CHUCK BURTON

spokeswoman Martha Harlan. Neither victim's name was released.

"Honestly they have a really long road ahead," said Brunswick County Emergency Services director Brian Watts.

Watts credited their surviv-



We're monitoring the situation. This is highly unusual.

Tim Holloman

al to bystanders who helped to stanch their bleeding and the quick work of emergency personnel.

"Without that, we would have had a different outcome," he said.

The emergency call about the

girl came in about 4:40 p.m., followed by a call about the boy at 5:51 p.m., local officials said.

Investigators said they didn't know whether the same shark attacked both victims, nor the size of the shark in either attack. Deputies using boats and helicopters to monitor the water after the attacks saw a seven-foot shark between where the incidents happened, Sheriff John Ingram said.

Oak Island is working with local law enforcement and the Shark Research Institute to locate the shark but wouldn't say what would happen if they find it, town manager Tim Holloman said.

Sunday's attacks were the second and third in the area in less than a week. A 13-year-old girl suffered small lacerations on her foot from a shark bite Thursday in Ocean Isle Beach, about 15 miles to the west of Oak Island. Both are barrier islands just off the mainland.

There were 72 unprovoked shark attacks around the world in 2014, including 52 in the U.S., according to the International Shark Attack File at the Florida Museum of Natural History. Three of the attacks, all in other

countries, were fatal.

In Oak Island, witnesses described a frightening and chaotic scene among visitors enjoying one of the first busy weekends since public schools let out for the summer.

"I saw someone carry this girl (out of the water), and people were swarming around and trying to help," Steve Bouser, who was just beginning his week-long vacation, told The Associated Press. "It was quite terrible."

On Monday, the beaches were open. Officials urged caution but said they can't stop people from swimming.

"There's no way we're going to stop people from going into the water," said Watts, the county emergency manager. "There's really no way to control that."

Holloman encouraged swimmers to avoid people who are fishing, stay out of the water if they have bleeding cuts and not to swim in murky waters or after a storm.

"Oak Island is still a safe place," Holloman said. "We're monitoring the situation. This is highly unusual."

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POPE FRANCIS

U.S. archbishop, deputy quit after archdiocese coverup

Pope Francis has started making good on his promise to not let even the most senior churchmen get away with sex abuse or coverup.

On Monday, he accepted the resignation of the embattled archbishop of St. Paul and Minneapolis and his deputy bishop after prosecutors there charged the archdiocese with having failed to protect children from unspeakable harm from a pedophile priest who was later convicted of molesting two boys.

Separately, the Vatican indicted its own former ambassa-

dor to the Dominican Republic with sexually abusing minors in the Caribbean country — the highest-ranking Vatican official ever to stand trial for a sex crime.

The developments came days after Francis approved the creation of a new tribunal inside the Vatican to specifically hear cases of bishops accused of failing to protect minors, answering years of criticism that top-ranked churchmen have long been immune to punishment for ignoring or covering up for priests who rape and molest children.

It's not clear if the tribunal — once it becomes functioning — would handle the case of Archbishop John Nienstedt and Auxiliary Bishop Lee Anthony Piche of St. Paul and Minneapolis, since they are now no longer in office.

Earlier this month, prosecutors charged the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis as a corporation of having "turned a blind eye" to repeated reports of inappropriate behaviour by a priest who was later convicted of molesting two boys. No individual was named in the complaint. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Pope's encyclical draft leaks

A draft copy of Pope Francis' eagerly awaited encyclical on the environment calls for urgent action to protect the Earth and fight global warming, which the pope says is "mostly" due to human activity and the burning of fossil fuels.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, said the Italian document that was leaked to the Italian newsweekly L'Espresso

and published on its website Monday was not the final version and that the official encyclical would still be released as scheduled on Thursday.

In the draft, Francis lays out both the scientific and the moral reasons for protecting God's creation, noting that the poor are already suffering the most from air pollution and toxic dumping and will continue to bear the brunt of rising sea levels and extreme

weather conditions. The draft says population growth isn't to blame for ecological problems but rather the consumerist, wasteful behaviour of the rich.

Francis backs up his comments with science showing the impact on the planet of the continual loss of biodiversity in Amazonian rainforests, the melting of Arctic glaciers, the overfishing of the seas and the pollution of the world's water supply. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kaufhof deal only the beginning

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

Push to buy into European market years in the making

Hudson's Bay Company is still shopping for acquisitions in Europe, even as it announced Monday it is buying a chain of German department stores in a deal worth \$3.3 billion.

"Having surveyed the European marketplace for many years, this transaction was a long time in the making," said Richard Baker, HBC governor and executive chairman, in a conference call with analysts Monday morning.

He called the newly purchased Kaufhof chain of department stores, operating in Germany and Belgium, "an ideal platform for HBC's entrance into Europe, (providing) a base from

which we can continue to grow in the future."

Kaufhof has 103 Galeria Kaufhof locations and 16 Sportarena stores. Kaufhof also operates Belgium's only department store with 16 Galeria INNO locations across the country. The parent company is Metro AG.

The deal is expected to close by the end of the third fiscal quarter.

The purchase will be financed by the sale of at least 40 of Kaufhof's owned or partially owned properties to Simon Property Group, a joint venture between HBC and U.S.-based Simon Property Group.

Chief executive officer Jerry Storch said HBC will be bringing Saks Fifth Avenue and Saks Off Fifth to Germany and Belgium, primarily within existing real estate.

"Saks Fifth Avenue is a global luxury brand with international recognition and we believe that there is untapped potential for

\$3.3B

The agreement between Hudson's Bay Company and Germany-based Metro AG will see the Canadian retailer take over its stores in Germany and Belgium and fold them into HBC's corporate umbrella for \$3.3 billion.

upscale luxury retail in Germany," said Storch.

He said Canadian consumers will benefit from having European brands made available to them in Canada.

Hudson's Bay beat out Vienna-based Signa Retail, controlled by Austrian property developer Rene Benko, who also owns Kaufhof competitor Karstadt.

The mostly cash bid by Hudson's Bay was deemed a better offer because it included labour-related concessions, a more solid financing structure and plans to grow and invest, people familiar with the deal said. A merger of Kaufhof and Karstadt, on the other hand, may have led to job losses.

"Beyond the attractive finan-

cial and transactional aspects, a key factor for us was the fact that HBC has made binding guarantees to take on the approximately 21,500 Galeria Kaufhof employees in Germany and Belgium," said Olaf Koch, chairman of Metro's management board.

When the deal closes, HBC will have 464 locations in four countries under eight different banners, including Lord & Taylor and Saks Fifth Avenue. The company estimates its eight main banners will generate about \$13 billion annually.

"This transaction is a significant step forward in our plans to become a premier global retailer," Storch said Monday in a statement. "This is a strong foundation to explore additional opportunities for growth throughout the continent."

Hudson's Bay Co. recently reported a \$54-million loss in the first quarter of 2015.

But Storch believes the future of retailing remains the department store model.

"They are the distribution centre around the corner from your house when you want it. The future of department stores, I believe, is quite bright."

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The deal between Hudson's Bay Company and German retailer Metro AG for its department stores is worth \$3.3 billion. Once the deal is final, HBC will gain ownership of Galeria Kaufhof and Galeria INNO. MARTIN MEISSNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Hudson's Bay Company CEO Jerry Storch

IN BRIEF

GM ignition switch death total increases to 114

The death toll from faulty ignition switches in General Motors small cars has risen by three to 114.

Victims' families are being offered compensation of at least \$1 million each by attorney Kenneth Feinberg, who was hired by GM last year. In addition, Feinberg will make offers to 229 people who were injured in crashes caused by the switches in the Chevrolet Cobalt and other older cars.

GM recalled 2.6 million of the cars last year, but acknowledged it knew about the switch problems for more than a decade.

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REAL ESTATE

Housing market hits five-year high

Home sales accelerated in May to their highest level in more than five years, as some home buyers looked to preempt an increase in mortgage insurance premiums.

The Canadian Real Estate Association said Monday that sales last month through its MLS system were up 3.1 per cent from April, marking the fourth consecutive month-over-month increase.

Sales in the Toronto area grew by 4.1 per cent in May compared with the previous month, while sales in Calgary climbed 6.7 per cent and Ottawa gained 6.2 per cent.

CREA president Pauline Aunger says news that CMHC will

be increasing mortgage default insurance premiums for home buyers with less than a 10 per cent down payment effective June 1 could have impacted home sales.

"Some buyers may have jumped off the fence and purchased in May to beat the increase," Aunger said in a statement.

CREA anticipates that national home sales will climb to 487,200 units this year, 1.3 per cent higher than last year.

TD Bank economist Leslie Preston said a recent rise in government bond yields could push mortgage rates higher this year, dampening demand for real estate across the country.

"Overall, though, we expect the regional divide to continue," Preston said in a statement.

"While sales in oil-related markets of Edmonton and Calgary have risen off their January lows, price gains remain modest. The Vancouver and Toronto markets should cool slightly on higher interest rates. However, given the tightness in these markets, prices should remain relatively strong."

Preston anticipates that house price gains will slow next year to around two to three per cent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Soaring prices

The national average for a home sold in May 2015 was approximately \$450,886, up 8.1 per cent from about a year ago.

With the exception of red-hot markets in Toronto and Vancouver, the average price of a home gained approximately 2.4 per cent, peaking at \$344,988.

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the big question

When will Lac-Mégantic victims get paid?

Canadian Pacific Railway took heat Monday for making victims and creditors wait even longer for a \$431.5-million settlement related to the deadly 2013 rail accident. Of the 25 companies being sued, CP was the only one to balk at paying into a compensation fund, saying the case should be federal. CP denies any responsibility, because at the time of the disaster the train had been ceded to MM&A and was neither operated by CP employees nor travelling on CP tracks. SOURCE: THE CANADIAN PRESS

On summer, wonder and climactic obstacles

YOUR RIDE

Jay Smith



I went for a spectacular run through the valley last week. The air was infused with the scent of lilacs and Alberta roses; the sun was warm; the leaves were green. As I ran, I was awash in a feeling of being strong, warm and alive — one of those moments that felt dewy and true.

And then I was struck with guilt. Do I secretly hate winter?

One of the things that bothers me most about Edmonton is our fickle relationship with the weather. Take my mother. I realized last year that she thinks the ideal outdoor temperature is 21 C. Room temperature. I realized this after years of listening to her call 25 C

unreasonably warm and 15 C chilly.

I think our weather announcements are a form of environmental brainwashing. In Edmonton, only sunshine and 20-degree-plus warmth is “good.” Mid-winter, if the temperatures are rising, the weather is good. If they are falling, the weather is bad.

It is as if, as Calgary author Tom Babin suggests in his book on winter cycling, *Frostbike*, our only metric for engagement with our environment has been dictated by Hollywood movies. Babin points out how winter is constantly portrayed as either villainous or the romantic backdrop for seasonal festivity. We see it as a seven-month climactic obstacle, with a brief postcard moment in December.

I ski cross-country all winter, and the elements of good skiing are exactly op-

posite to what the meteorologists judge as “good”: snow and subzero temperatures. This past winter, I did a lot of coaching, which meant that I spent more time outdoors than other recent winters. Most of it was in the dark. It was almost always cold.

This spring, I noticed, felt very different. When the grass and mud started peeking through the snowdrifts, it was a marvel. When the leaves started unfurling on the branches, after a winter of colourless forest, I thought, “What genius is this colour?” And then the flowers! Being bathed in the perfume of lilacs!

Don’t get me wrong: I love skiing. But as I ran through my rose-scented forest, I compared feelings of bliss. How does this stack up against the exhilaration of flying down a snowy hill, the wind chilly on my

cheeks? I searched myself for hypocrisy. Am I really happy in the winter? Or do I just “make do?”

Eventually, I realized I had missed the point. Embracing the winter, appreciating it for all of its crusty, slippery, snowy wonder, is what allowed me to experience that run in all its richness. I was open to all the joys of being outside. (No doubt part of the same magic that has shown outdoor exercise to be more effective than antidepressants.)

It isn’t about comparing joys, but about letting one experience them — for what they are, whenever they come and what they look like. Perfect snow conditions or an idyllic run: it is all wonder.

Jay Smith is a writer who has cycled, walked and run on Edmonton’s streets and pathways her entire life.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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“The progressive wedding does its best not to be a wedding.”

Millennials think we’re the most progressive generation, with our casual sex and entrepreneurship, our non-religiousness and fluid gender.

But then, according to endless Facebook wedding shots, we go ahead and get married anyway — that most old-fashioned of things.

Weddings are so hot right now, despite the fact that marriage has been roundly criticized as a form of state control, as a form of patriarchy, as an unrealistic ideal of monogamy or as plain unnecessary. It doesn’t sound like an institution for the independent Millennial, but according to *Wedding Bells* magazine, there were about 162,000 weddings in 2014 (compared to 148,000 in 2008) and the average age of brides was 31.

My most radical feminist friend says she’ll be hitched within the year. I, too, want to get married. As I see it, we justify this in two ways.

First, the progressive wedding does its best not to be a wedding. We elope, or hold a ceremony in the woods using our BFF as justice of the peace (certified online). We trick our guests into surprise nuptials at a restaurant or we throw pop-up weddings on the cheap (now trending in Vancouver). With every bride not in white and every groom

taking his wife’s name, we personalize weddings away from tradition. It’s more a life-commitment ceremony. A love-validation declaration.

Second, we believe we really will be together, as equals, forever. I take my parents as a model: a quirky, adorable pair, rarely apart for more than an afternoon, happily low-key about happily ever after. That, I assume, is what awaits me: devotion, despite challenges, to being a team.

Preoccupied with being real about love, we take the self-help philosophy that we can create a winning marriage. We will choose well, we tell ourselves, after exhaustive dating and solemn reflection on what we’re looking for. We will talk it out and we will test it out during a few years of living together.

Despite a divorce rate long hovering around 40 per cent, and the fact that, statistically, our mid-40s will be our divorce years, we hold onto a sort of future nostalgia, a *Humans of New York*-style image of our two wrinkled faces, captioned: “Still best friends.”

I hope (irrationally) that will be the fate of all my friends, and my fate, too.

But it’s time to accept, despite New-Age tweaks, how truly old-school you are on your wedding day.

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GoT fans left with questions

GAME OF THRONES

Warning: Here be spoilers for the HBO series' Season 5 finale

Brian Gasparek
For Metro

On Sunday night, HBO brought us another epic Game of Thrones season finale. In typical Westeros fashion, the final episode of Season 5 was a jaw-dropping, bloody affair that shocked us, confused us and violently tugged at our heartstrings (say it ain't so, Jon!).

While the episode left us emotionally rattled, it also spurred a handful of mortal cliffhangers for us to mull over until next spring. Which of our most beloved and hated characters are actually dead?

Here's a recap of who's dead, who could be dead and who deserves to be dead after the Season 5 finale. And yes, this is completely full of spoilers. So stop reading if you haven't watched it yet!

Jon Snow

Jon Snow's fate in the season finale was a complete shiv to the heart for viewers ... no pun intended. Sadly one of our most beloved characters from the beginning of the series is indeed dead thanks to an act of mutiny by his peers who branded



Did your favourite Westeros inhabitant survive the season-ending episode? CONTRIBUTED

him a traitor. As much as we all want to see Jon rise from that blood puddle in Season 6, actor Kit Harington just confirmed in an interview with EW that he would not be returning to the show next season. Just like in the books, Jon Snow seems to be dead for good. His shocking death has already prompted masses of fans on social media to declare that they won't be tuning in next season. Let's hope for a ghost cameo down the line.

Stannis Baratheon

In Stannis Baratheon's last scene of the season, we were potentially spared some serious gore. When we last saw mean old Stannis, he was severely injured and about to be decapitated by Brienne of Tarth after she sentenced him to death for his crimes. Right as her sword came down, the scene jump-cut to a shot of Ramsay killing in battle. So does that mean the



We've learned that loving moments don't last too long in Game of Thrones.

last remaining Baratheon brother is dead? It sure looked like it with the force of that blade coming down on his neck. And

we should all hope so. None of us would be sad to see that evil bugger go, right?

Sansa Stark and Theon 'Reek' Greyjoy

After Theon snapped and shoved the evil Myranda to her death off the tower in Winterfell, the last we saw of Reek and his pseudo-sister Sansa was the pair holding hands while hurling themselves off the building to escape from scummy Ramsay and his men.

The fate that awaits these two in Season 6 is anyone's guess. Could they both have somehow survived the fall? Could Theon have redeemed himself by taking his own life to break Sansa's fall? Game of Thrones is heartless after all and they both could very well be dead. But we all want to see Sansa live to find vindication against Ramsay, don't we?

Myrcella Baratheon

We've learned that loving moments don't last too long in Game of Thrones. After a tender moment at sea with her real father Jaime Lannister, we saw Myrcella start bleeding profusely from her nose. We then found out that she was poisoned with killer lipstick. Remember that awkward long kiss she received from Ellaria Sand earlier in the episode? After witnessing a pleased Ellaria wiping her lips and taking an antidote in the next scene, we can assume that Jaime's 15-year-old daughter is indeed dead, and that Sand has gotten her revenge. Pretty harsh.

Arya Stark

Arya's final scene in Season 5 featured the young Stark warrior getting punished for killing the evil Meryn Trant by Jaqen. With her final words of 2015, Arya screams that she has gone blind after witnessing her face appear on Jaqen's body in front of her. Could Arya Stark be dead? Not a chance. If the show took Jon Snow from us, we're counting on the youngest Stark to go the distance. We need you, Arya!

BEYOND ITUNES

10 things you need to know about Apple Music

SOUND CHECK

Alan Cross



Two weeks from today, Apple will fire up Apple Music, its long-awaited, much-hyped next step beyond iTunes in Canada and 99 other countries. By integrating music sales, music streaming, real-time Internet radio, social media and direct artist-fan connections, Apple has signalled it wants to be a bigger player in music than it's ever been.

Much has been written about Apple Music since its official an-

nouncement earlier this month, but here are 10 things that you may have missed.

1 While there won't be a free tier, you can sample the service for free for 90 days. Studies show that the vast majority of people who convert to the paid version do make the decision within 70 days.

2 Apple will not be paying artists royalties during the 90-day free trials, which is not unprecedented. Remember the Columbia Record Club's 13-albums-for-a-penny offers? Record contracts specified that royalties

were not paid on those loss-leader sales, either.

3 Today, Spotify is the biggest streaming music service with 20 million paid subscribers. But if Apple converts just three per cent of its 800 million iTunes account holders to Apple Music, they'll be bigger.

4 Apple Music will be preinstalled on all new iOS devices and will show up in the upcoming iOS 8.4 release, which means you can expect devices to urge users to sign up

with just a click or two.

5 Apple's audio stream will be encoded at 256 kbps. That's less than the best-available (320 kbps) but chances are almost no one will know the difference.



6 While it's true that artists like the Beatles refuse to allow their music to stream, there's a workaround. Apple Music will search users' libraries for purchased and ripped music.

If it finds Beatles music, it will fetch those songs from iTunes and make them available for you to stream.

7 Beats 1, the real-time radio station, apparently won't be format-specific. The promise is that the station will play great songs from all genres.

8 The fact that Beats 1 will be available in 100 countries is a music licensing achievement. Terrestrial stations that stream are often geo-blocked. (i.e. Lots of Canadian stations can't be heard in the U.S. and vice-versa.)

9 The standard cost will be 9.95 per month in the local currency, meaning we get off cheap, internationally speaking. The U.K. cost of £9.95 works out to more than \$19 Cdn.

10 Remember: Streaming is for auditioning; purchasing is for ever.



Kristen outed by mom

KRISTEN STEWART

Mother confirms Twilight star is dating 'lovely girl'

Well, this isn't very parental. Kristen Stewart's mom, Jules Stewart, gave an interview to Britain's the Sunday Mirror flat-out confirming that the former Twilight star is dating her personal assistant, Alicia Cargile. "What's not to be accepting about her now having a girlfriend? She's happy," Jules says. "She's my daughter, I'm just her mom so she knows I would accept her choices. I've met Kristen's new girlfriend, I like her. What's not to accept? She's a lovely girl." Rumours had been swirling for months about Kristen and Cargile, but I guess swirling wasn't good enough for mom, so there you go.

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SMASH MOUTH

Ill-bread rant

Public service announcement: If you find yourself at a Smash Mouth concert in 2015, and you've brought along a loaf of bread to snack on, do not throw a piece of that bread at lead singer Steve Harwell. He really doesn't like that. During the Taste of Fort Collins food and music fest in Colorado, fans started tossing slices of bread in the air. Some of it landed a bit too close to Harwell, who erupted in a long stream of profanities and threats we can't print here. The crowd booed and he huffed off stage. Maybe he's gluten-free?

CHICKEN FLAP

Mila clucks out

It seems Mila Kunis's ex-friend Kristina Karo has, er, chickened out in going through with filing a \$5,000 lawsuit against her, claiming Kunis stole her beloved chicken. The "friend" claims Kunis kidnapped her pet chicken named Doggie 25 years ago, but tells TMZ that due to a recent revelation in therapy, she has decided not to press charges after all: "I've learned to forgive in my heart the people who have wronged me, like Mila," she tells them. "There is only one judge and that is God. I pray for her soul and the soul of Doggie, that he has found peace finally in chicken heaven." Good to know all chickens named Doggie go to heaven?



Mila Kunis and
Ashton Kutcher



GOSSIP NOTES

Affleck, Garner crush split rumours



While various reports have Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck practically filing divorce papers, Affleck and Garner chose the revolutionary option of going to the farmer's market with their kids this weekend. Radar Online quotes a source as saying "their marriage has completely fallen apart." Somehow, they were able to soldier on to the farmer's market, despite the invisibly shredded tatters of their marital bond.

5 Seconds of Summer catches fire

Well, they certainly know how to bring the heat. 5 Seconds of Summer band member Michael Clifford's face caught on fire during a concert in London due to some pyrotechnics gone wrong. Clifford was taken to the hospital where he was treated and tweeted to fans, "What the f---s up. Sorry I couldn't finish the encore but at least I look like two face, thanks for worrying." Luckily, he's making a full recovery and is continuing the tour. Yikes!



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Celebrity dream casting

In one way, it's the ultimate dream for a public figure to see his or her story recreated onscreen. It's an honour, that is, if the casting is done just right. Why leave it to chance? CP asked a diverse set of celebrities: Who would play you in a movie? **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

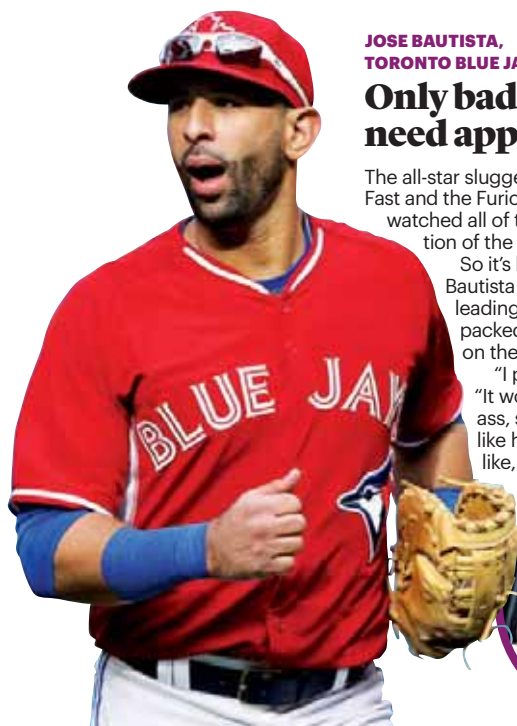
JOSE BAUTISTA, TORONTO BLUE JAYS OUTFIELDER

Only badasses need apply

The all-star slugger is a big fan of the Fast and the Furious franchise, having watched all of the films with the exception of the most recent instalment.

So it's hardly a surprise that Bautista would want one of the leading men in the action-packed series to portray him on the big screen.

"I pick **Vin Diesel**," he said. "It would have to be a badass, so definitely somebody like him that's very badass-like, superhero type of guy."



IAN MCKELLEN, OSCAR-NOMINATED STAR OF THE LORD OF THE RINGS SERIES

Younger doppelganger

An acting veteran of 50-plus years, McKellen's vote of confidence would surely mean a lot for a young actor — though the one he chose doesn't hurt for acclaim.

"Probably **Benedict Cumberbatch**, because I looked rather like him when I was his age," McKellen, 76, said from London. "But I would hope that the latter years of my life I could play myself, perhaps."



JOANNIE ROCHETTE, OLYMPIC BRONZE MEDAL-WINNING FIGURE SKATER

'Something different about her'

The decorated athlete chose an Oscar nominee known for tough and mysterious characters.

"I think I'd love **Uma Thurman** to play me because I think she's so interesting. She's strong," said Rochette, 29, the six-time Canadian champion who won her bronze at the 2010 Vancouver Games. "There's something different about her.... I loved her in Kill Bill, but also in Gattaca."



BARENAKED LADIES, EIGHT-TIME JUNO WINNERS

From John to Jared

"I've always wanted **John Cusack** to play me," singer Ed Robertson (front) said. "He's a great character actor."

"How about Paul Giamatti to play me?" drummer Tyler Stewart questioned. "Or Danny DeVito?"

For bassist Jim Creeggan, they picked Ron Howard. And multi-instrumentalist Kevin Hearn was assigned Jared Leto.



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URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE

The question What are the rules about getting too close on public transit?

Dear Ellen,
I ride a crowded bus to work every morning and try not to crowd anyone, but often when I step back to make space for someone, they simply step forward and close the gap. Even on the days I score a seat, and then move away so as not to touch the person sitting next to me, they simply spread themselves out further and THEY KEEP TOUCHING ME. What can I do about this?

— Penny, Edmonton



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Dear Penny,
Judging by your aversion to human contact, I fear you may have been raised in the same kind of uptight Anglo Saxon home I grew up in. A home where all emotion — from parental pride to abject disgust — was expressed with dripping sarcasm, and where physical contact was restricted to disapproving elbow jabs or affectionate shoulder punches. Even that could be confusing due to the Anglo-Saxon's innate resentment of expressing any feelings whatsoever — e.g., sometimes the “nice” shoulder punches were passive-aggressive and felt like plain old jabs. In the end, children from families like ours learned from an early age that any kind of non-consensual, non-romantic touching was best

avoided altogether.

This kind of attitude — as you have discovered, Penny — does not fly on public transit. Admittedly, there are some gross, turf-hogging individuals who are oblivious to anyone else's personal space. These are the idiots who stick their grocery bags, knapsacks or (ugh) their bellies or backsides in your face while you're sitting on an aisle seat. Not acceptable, and you are certainly justified in politely asking them to back off.

But it sounds as if you are dealing with normal people who are comfortable with the urban jostle — people from families unlike ours, where such bizarre behaviour as hugging children,

holding hands with friends, or linking arms in open displays of familial affection is considered normal! For these folks, standing close to other people on the subway or sitting haunch to haunch in a seat is not rude behaviour. It's actually a lot more normal than your own dysfunctional revulsion at contact with your co-Earthlings.

Unless of course they're perverts who are trying to grope you. In which case, you should both jab and punch, and — if you can get over your Anglo-Saxon reticence — scream bloody murder while you're at it.



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A springer spaniel named Aki poses pretty for her portrait. FRED LEVY VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Portraits of black dogs take off online

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographer counters bias against dogs with black fur

It was a summer day at the dog park when Fred Levy, a professional pet photographer, overheard a conversation that he couldn't shake off.

A woman was talking about “Black Dog Syndrome” — a theory that black dogs are less likely to be adopted than those with lighter coats, perhaps because of superstition or a notion that black dogs are aggressive. Experts debate whether it's a myth or reality, but it struck Levy.

That dog park visit was almost two years ago, but it inspired Levy to take on a project that's gained international attention. He calls it the Black Dogs Project, a photo series that features black dogs against black backdrops, aiming to capture their beauty and counter

negative stereotypes.

Levy, 45, did it all in the basement studio of his Maynard home, where he lives with his wife, two young boys and a black-and-white rat terrier named Toby.

The photos struck a chord online and quickly went viral. The microblogging website Tumblr counted Levy's blog among its “most-viral” of 2014.

dog to counter myths about black dogs.

Early on, the black dogs that Levy photographed came from owners he recruited through his Facebook page. Recently he also started working with abandoned dogs referred to him by shelters. After training his camera on them, he shares their photos online in search of a permanent home.



I want people to make informed decisions on the best dog that will fit into their lifestyle. The fur shouldn't be the deciding factor.

Pet photographer Fred Levy

After adjusting to the sudden onslaught of attention, Levy decided to publish the work in a book, titled *Black Dogs Project: Extraordinary Black Dogs and Why We Can't Forget Them*, slated for release this September. Part of the proceeds will go to a rescue group for Labradors in San Diego.

In the book and on his blog, Levy includes stories about each

But his message to viewers isn't necessarily to adopt black dogs.

Mostly, he wants people to think beyond appearance when they're adopting pets.

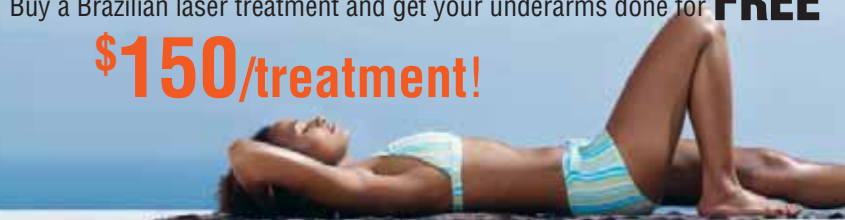
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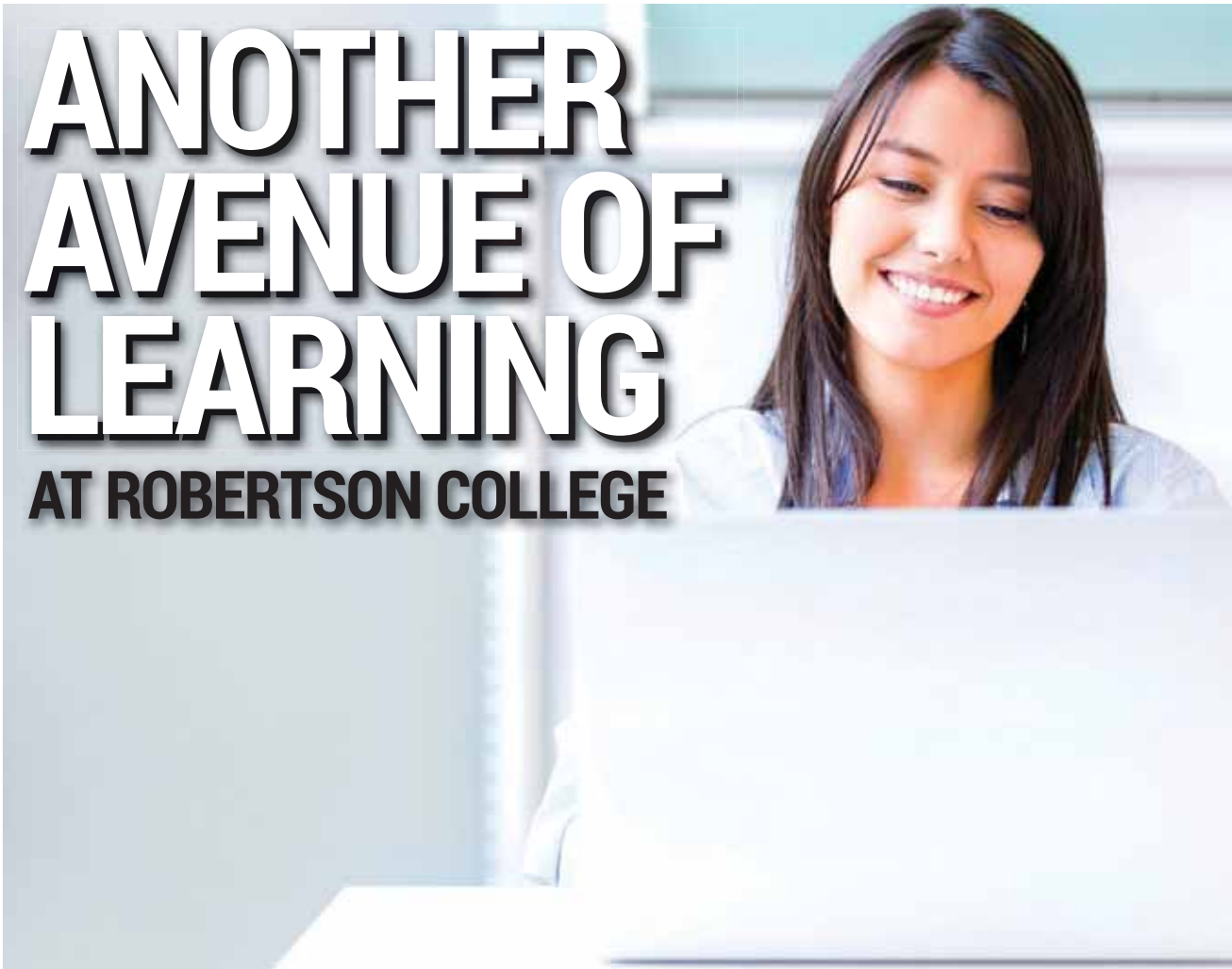
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"It was challenging at the beginning, but with practice I am becoming more confident," Lopez says. "Digital School is

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Lopez decided to make the career switch because she was looking for a career with more regular hours from Monday to Friday.

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The pros and cons of taking summer courses

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"I think it gives some students the opportunity to work ahead, and those involved in extracurricular activities during the regular academic year a chance to balance their workload," says Pamela Lim, assistant dean

and director of undergraduate programs at University of British Columbia's Sauder School of Business.

However, before jumping into summer courses it is essential to speak to your academic adviser to figure out what implications the decision may have for you come September.

"If you're taking six courses, for example, and you want to complete two of them during the summer, how does that play into

your scholarship and grant eligibility?" Lim says. "Also, consider that summer courses are condensed, typically over a period of six weeks as opposed to 13 during the regular academic year."

While the condensed format may work for students who want to take one or two courses and immerse themselves in the work, it may pose challenges for students who require more time to process content. It

all comes down to individual strengths and weaknesses, Lim says.

"Given how fast-paced the summer courses are, you have to ensure that if you're not understanding something right away, you ask. Don't put it off, thinking, 'I'll clarify later,' because six weeks flies by. Make sure you know your prof and teacher's assistant's office hours and start asking questions right away."

— Izabela Szydlo

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With the desire to reconnect with people on a face-to-face level, former office administrator Nancy Ines decided to head back to school.

"I wanted to work in an industry that would open up more opportunities for continued development," Ines says.

So she enrolled at the Academy of Learning Career College in the insurance adviser diploma program.

"The insurance industry is very supportive of continued education and training," Ines

says. "The way I look at it, if I'm not still challenging myself in five years I do not believe I will be content."

Ines recently completed this 23-week program and is set to begin her new job as a commercial and personal lines account executive at Koester Insurance Services.

She credits Academy of Learning's flexible scheduling and instructors for her success in the program and also plans on working towards her CIP designation.

"I would recommend this program for

somebody who might want to change careers or work in an industry that supports their employees' development," Ines says. "Insurance is a huge industry, too, so there are many opportunities to grow."

Academy of Learning offers training in fields that are in demand for both individuals and employers, such as health care, business, office administration, IT, web design, and accounting, to name a few.

For more about this program and Academy of Learning, visit academyoflearning.ab.ca.

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NorQuest College is eager to help adult learners in their journey toward opportunities in higher education or employment.

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Adding to your resumé

Navigating the world of summer internships can be tricky. There is a lot to think about when deciding whether to take on an internship during your summer break, but the main consideration for many post-secondary students is finances, says Tracey Lloyd, director of career and counselling services at Centennial College in Toronto.

"Only those who are financially able tend to participate in unpaid internship opportunities during the summer," Lloyd says. "The summer months are critical earning periods for most students."

With a preference toward paid opportunities, Lloyd says that in some creative sector programs, journalism for example, unpaid internships are common and can offer valuable learning experiences. But she warns that unpaid opportunities should be carefully researched.

"Students can be taken advantage of, young people in particular," she says. "Look at the company's track record and examine whether it is a reputable company. Do they have a formal internship program with a formal training program and supervision provided for interns? Also, explore how meaningful and relevant the



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job duties are to your future career goals."

It's also important to keep in mind that unpaid internships are usually full time, Lloyd says, making it difficult to balance an internship with paid part-time work.

Once you have decided that an unpaid internship will be viable, you will have to put in some legwork. Finding an internship will

involve reaching out to your network, speaking to teachers and other faculty members who may have connections in the industry in which you want to intern, and approaching companies that are of interest to you, especially those you may want to work for after graduation.

"Similar to when looking for a paid job, tell everyone you know," Lloyd says. "You never

know who will provide a good lead for you."

Lastly, Lloyd suggests approaching the internship as if it was a paid opportunity.

"This is a chance to prove yourself, expand your network and make a great impression on the employer. Always do your best, work hard and don't burn any bridges."

— Izabela Szydło



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IN BRIEF

Alouettes move Michael Sam to suspended list

The Montreal Alouettes suspended defensive end Michael Sam on Monday, a move that frees up a roster spot while allowing the Alouettes to retain Sam's CFL rights.

Sam left the Alouettes' training camp for personal reasons last week after being given special permission to return home to Texas.

His departure came three weeks after he became the first openly gay player to sign in the CFL.

The 25-year-old Sam was selected in the seventh round of the 2014 NFL draft by the St. Louis Rams, becoming the first openly gay player chosen by an NFL team. He was later cut by the Rams and from the Dallas Cowboys' practice roster.

A star at Missouri in college, Sam earned SEC Defensive Player of the Year honours in 2013 before turning pro.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Blazer's undercover duty dates back to 2011

Former FIFA executive committee member Chuck Blazer agreed to act undercover for U.S. prosecutors and has been co-operating since at least 2011 in the government's investigation of soccer corruption.

Blazer's 19-page plea agreement from Nov. 25, 2013, was unsealed Monday after a federal judge agreed to a request by media organizations.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mets end Jays' big streak

Wilmer Flores singled to cap a two-out, two-run rally in the 11th inning and the Mets ended Toronto's team record-tying 11-game winning streak, beating the Blue Jays 4-3 Monday night in New York.

The Blue Jays trailed 2-1 in the ninth before Jose Bautista tied it with his second home run of the game.

Toronto took the lead in the 11th on Dioner Navarro's sacrifice fly off Hansel Robles (2-0). The Mets then came back for their fourth win in five games.

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Cup filled in Chicago

STANLEY CUP FINAL

Blackhawks put an end to historically tight title series

The margin of error was minuscule, the difference between the teams even less.

After playing on a tightrope for two weeks, the dam finally broke and the Chicago Blackhawks beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 2-0 in Game 6 on Monday night to win one of the tightest Stanley Cup final series in NHL history and capture their third title in the past six years.

GAME 6 In Chicago



"They're all grinds, this one maybe was a little bit more grindier," said Blackhawks head coach Joel Quenneville to the CBC on ice while his team celebrated around him. "I'm the lucky guy that gets to work with this great character group here that's been around here three different times."

The Blackhawks lifted the



Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews hoists the Stanley Cup after Chicago's Game 6 win over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Monday night at United Center. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Cup at United Center for the first time. They had to wait, however, as the trophy was delayed by weather and needed a police escort to the arena. It was the first time in franchise history they won on home ice since 1938.

Conn Smythe trophy winner Duncan Keith scored the clincher on one of the best individual ef-

forts of the playoffs, and Patrick Kane provided the exclamation point with a third-period goal.

They got help from goaltender Corey Crawford, who made 25 saves to pick up his first shutout of the final. In total he stopped 151 of the 161 shots he faced to outduel an injured Ben Bishop, who was struggling with a groin tear.

"That's three Cups, six seasons. I'd say you have a dynasty," said NHL commissioner Gary Bettman before presenting the Cup to captain Jonathan Toews.

The Lightning's starter again fought through injury but couldn't be perfect enough. With a banged-up team in front of him, Bishop made 30 saves as Tampa Bay couldn't force a Game

7 back home Wednesday night.

"Think it easily could have been us on the ice celebrating," said Bishop. "It was such a close series."

A Game 7 is the only thing that could have made this series more historic. Each of the first five games was decided by one goal for the first time since 1951.

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WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Canada survives with a draw

Substitute Kirsten Van De Ven scored in the 87th minute as the Netherlands earned a 1-1 draw with host Canada on Monday night at the FIFA Women's World Cup.

However, Canada still finished first in Group A with a win and two draws and will begin single-game knock-out play Sunday in Vancouver against an opponent still to be determined. China was second in the group while the Netherlands, with a win and a loss and a draw, was third.

Ashley Lawrence scored early

GROUP A In Montreal



for Canada, but the Dutch were a threat all night with their counter-attacking game and finally got the equalizer with three minutes left in regular time.

A crowd of 45,420 at Olympic Stadium saw coach John Herdman make four lineup

changes looking for offence from a Canadian team whose only goal in the opening two games was on a penalty.

Canada had the early pressure and Lawrence got a goal 10 minutes in on a play that started with a throw-in deep in Dutch territory.

The ball deflected to Sophie Schmidt, who slipped it to Lawrence for a shot that went in off goalkeeper Loes Geurts' knee.

Lawrence nearly added another a minute later but saw her low shot miss the left post.

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Canada's Ashley Lawrence, left, celebrates her goal against the Netherlands with Allysha Chapman, Kaylyn Kyle and Kadeisha Buchanan. NICHOLAS KAMM/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

RECIPE Moroccan Kale, Couscous, Goat Cheese and Dried Cranberry Salad



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Tip for this salad: massaging the kale makes it tender. This salad can be dressed hours before serving.

Ready in

Prep time: 15 minutes
Serving size: 4

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup dried Israeli couscous (pearl pasta) or small ball pasta
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp maple syrup
- 1 Tbsp apple cider vinegar
- Salt and pepper
- 4 cups chopped kale
- 1/2 cup julienned carrot slices
- 1/2 cup yellow or red cherry tomatoes sliced in half
- 1/4 cup dried cranberries

- 1/4 cup toasted sliced almonds
- 1/4 cup crumbled goat cheese
- 1 Tbsp chopped mint or basil

Directions

1. Bring a small pot of water to a boil. Add Israeli couscous and cook just until tender. Drain and rinse with cold water.
2. Combine olive oil, lemon juice, maple syrup, vinegar and salt and pepper for dressing. Add kale and massage with fingers for two minutes. Place on serving plate. Top with cooked couscous and remaining ingredients.

Nutrition per serving

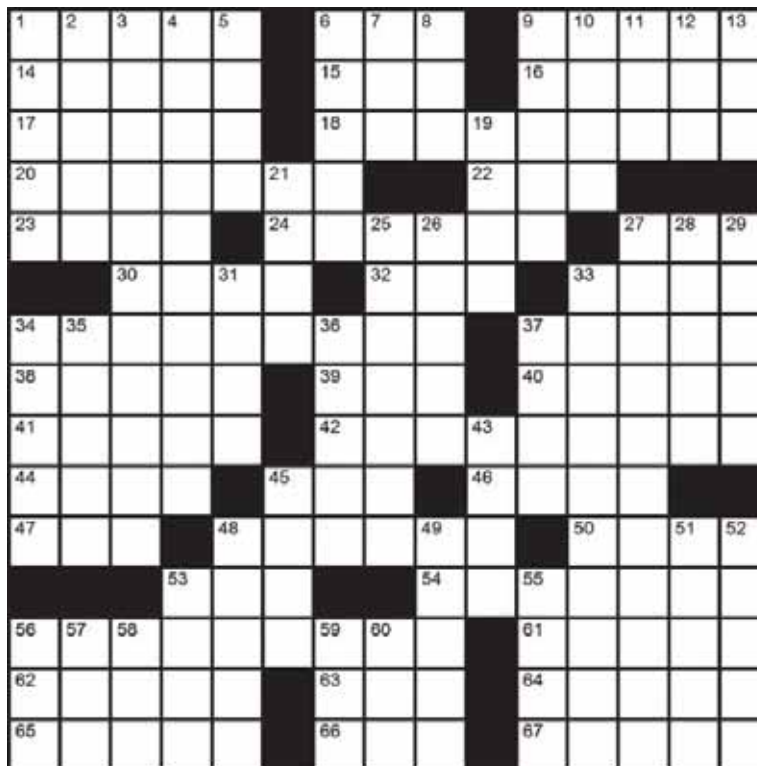
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- Fat 11 g
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- Cholesterol 5 mg

CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. Bronson Pinchot's "Perfect Strangers" character
6. Wary
9. Wetland
14. Mr. Alda, when in France
15. Teeny
16. Vietnam's capital
17. Assiniboia __ (Winnipeg horse racing track)
18. How Cartier and Champlain spent their time in Canada
20. Summer garb: 2 wds.
22. '___' in Eckville
23. Dionne Warwick's "Walk ___"
24. ___ (WWII naval craft)
27. General __ (Superman enemy)
30. "From Here to Eternity" (1953) actor, Philip __
32. 1970s President (Monogram)
33. Relinquish control
34. Barely a breath left to breathe: 2 wds.
37. Simon of Duran Duran: 2 wds.
38. Dispense
39. Air Supply's "Just ___ Am"
40. Q. "Did Steven Tyler appear ___-DMC's video for 'Walk This Way'?" A. "Yes."
41. Incisions
42. Terrestrial
44. Sardines containers
45. Eastern prov.



46. What 'Manitoba' has in its spelling: word + letter
47. Portion [abbr.]
48. ___ Brook, Newfoundland
50. Essences
53. The __, Manito
54. Birthplace of Welsh poet Dylan Thomas

- (b.1914 - d.1953)
56. As per #4-Down... Music and Lyrics: Cyndi Lauper - Book: Harvey __
61. Ms. Rinna, and others
62. Allow in
63. Egg mass
64. Weight units in China

65. Blusher
66. Mr. Van Sant
67. City passageway

DOWN

1. George Thorogood & The Destroyers hit: "___ the Bone"
2. Take out ___ (Borrow money)

3. Sport played at #33-Down: 2 wds.
4. Tony-winning musical on now at the Royal Alexandra Theatre in Toronto: 2 wds.
5. Acad.
6. Tidied the floors
7. Curse
8. "Sure!"
9. A young #13-

Down

10. "Star ___" (1977)
11. Cuckoo bird
12. Wee weekday
13. Farm animal
19. Trim
21. Grand Ole __
25. Canadian comedy impresario Mark
26. 'Labor ___ Vinct' (Oklahoma's state motto)
27. Quickly-colonizing problem of fresh waters: 2 wds.
28. Febreze target
29. Canadian singer Mr. Doherty
31. Office phone lines [abbr.]
33. ___ Park (Recreational attraction in Moncton)
34. Endures
35. Famous TV puppet
36. Visibly star-struck person
37. Lender's protection
43. Oslo's land, briefly
45. Station
48. Hereditary social class
49. Medieval labourers
51. Bluesy street in Memphis
52. Flip
53. Snoot
55. Sask. neighbour
56. Outlying
57. Bride's vow: 2 wds.
58. Aussie bird
59. Work unit
60. Indebted one's letters

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You seem to have a viewpoint on anything and everything and today's new moon will make you more opinionated than usual. Not all of them will meet with others' approval but since when did an Aries care about that?

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You need to find a solution to a problem that has been annoying you. Most likely it has something to do with money and most likely you know what to do but have not yet found the courage to take action. Find it now.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
A new moon in your sign is a wonderful omen that, among other things, gives you huge self-belief. It is not a case of IF you will succeed but WHEN you will succeed, and with that kind of confidence it won't be long.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Your solar year is drawing to a close and a new cycle will begin when the sun moves into your sign next weekend. What you do between now and then is of huge importance. Be brave: chase that dream you have avoided.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Make contact with new people today. Because the new moon falls in one of the more positive areas of your chart you should have no trouble making friends. Group activities of all sorts are under excellent stars.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
What you say and do over the next few days will make an impression on employers and colleagues. Make sure it is a good one. Let them know you're ambitious and ready for more responsibility. You will get it.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today's new moon suggests you have been in one place too long and need to move on. You need a bigger challenge, so don't hang around: get up, get moving and get a better life.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may be suspicious of someone's motives but you must not say so until you know for certain that they are up to no good. If you make accusations you cannot prove you could attract the kind of attention you don't need.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A relationship may be giving you cause for concern but today's new moon will set your mind at ease. Put your differences behind you and focus on things that unite you, rather than divide you. It's still a match made in Heaven.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Make sure you are paid the proper amount for whatever tasks you undertake today. You like to help people out but that does not mean they can take advantage and take it for granted that you will work for next to nothing.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
A creative or artistic endeavour will go well for you thanks to a new moon in the most dynamic area of your chart, not least because any doubts and fears you had are now firmly behind you.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Do what you want today and don't let those who seem to do nothing but criticize talk you down. Keep self-doubts to yourself and act as if you cannot possibly lose and you won't.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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